

BEFORE THE SPEECH AND HEARING SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD

STATE OF IDAHO

In the Matter of the License of:)
) Case No. SHS-2005-1
BARRY D. FINLAY,)
License No. HA-1040,) **STIPULATION AND**
) **CONSENT ORDER**
Respondent.)
_____)

WHEREAS, information has been received by the Idaho State Speech and Hearing Services Licensure Board (the "Board") that constitutes sufficient grounds for the initiation of an administrative action against Barry D. Finlay ("Respondent"); and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree to settle the matter in an expeditious manner in lieu of administrative hearings before the Board; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

A. Stipulated Facts and Law

A.1. The Board regulates the practice of hearing aid dealing and fitting in the State of Idaho in accordance with title 54, chapter 29, Idaho Code.

A.2. The Board has issued License No. HA-1040 to Respondent. Respondent's license is subject to the provisions of title 54, chapter 29, Idaho Code and the Board's rules at IDAPA 24.23.01, *et seq.*

A.3. Respondent has been a licensed hearing aid dealer and fitter in the State of Utah for over 20 years. On or about September 18, 2003, Respondent submitted an application for licensure as a hearing aid dealer and fitter to the Idaho State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters, the predecessor to the Idaho State Speech and Hearing Services Licensure Board. Respondent was unable to complete all parts of the examination until November 19, 2004, at which time Respondent successfully passed all licensure examinations and was licensed by the Board.

A.4. In September 2004 a complaint was received by the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, on behalf of the Board, that Respondent was practicing hearing aid dealing and fitting without a license. Documents obtained by a Bureau investigator show that from at least July through September 2004, Respondent practiced hearing aid dealing and fitting in the State of Idaho prior to obtaining his license.

A.5. The allegations of Paragraphs A.3 and A.4, if proven, would violate the laws and rules governing the practice of hearing aid dealing and fitting, specifically Idaho Code § 54-2902(a) (2004) (no person shall engage in the practice of hearing aid dealing and fitting or represent himself as a person who practices hearing aid dealing and fitting unless properly licensed by the Board). A violation of this law and rules constitutes grounds for disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice hearing aid dealing and fitting in the State of Idaho.

B. Waiver of Procedural Rights

I, Barry D. Finlay, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

B.1. I have read, understand and admit the allegations pending before the Board, as stated in Section A, Paragraphs A.3 and A.4. I further understand that these allegations constitute cause for disciplinary action upon my license to practice as a hearing aid dealer and fitter in the State of Idaho.

B.2. I understand that I have the right to a full and complete hearing; the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses; the right to present evidence or to call witnesses, or to testify myself; the right to reconsideration of the Board's orders; the right to judicial review of the Board's orders; and all rights accorded by the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Idaho and the laws and rules governing the practice of hearing aid dealing and fitting in the State of Idaho. I hereby freely and voluntarily waive these rights in order to enter into this Stipulation as a resolution of the pending allegations.

B.3. I understand that in signing this Stipulation I am enabling the Board to impose disciplinary action upon my license without further process.

C. Stipulated Discipline

C.1. License No. HA-1040 issued to Respondent Barry D. Finlay is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of three (3) months which suspension shall be STAYED provided Respondent does not violate the Board's laws or rules during the probationary period set forth in Paragraph C.3 below.

C.2. Respondent shall pay to the Board an administrative fine in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

C.3. Respondent shall pay investigative costs and attorney fees in the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00) within sixty (60) days of the entry of the Board's Order.

C.4. Respondent's License No. HA-1040 shall be placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. The conditions of probation are as follows:

a. Respondent shall comply with all state, federal and local laws, rules and regulations governing the practice of hearing aid dealing and fitting in the State of Idaho.

b. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any change of place of practice or place of business within 15 days of such change.

c. If Respondent leaves Idaho for three (3) continuous months, or resides or practices outside of the state, Respondent must notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure, address of intended residence or place of business, and whether Respondent intends to return. Periods of time spent outside Idaho will not apply to satisfy this probationary period or excuse compliance with the terms of this Stipulation.

d. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board and its agents, and shall make all relevant files, records, correspondence or other documents available immediately upon the demand of any member of the Board and its agents.

C.5. At the conclusion of the one-year probationary period and provided

Respondent has complied with all other terms of this Stipulation, Respondent may request from the Board termination of the conditions of probation. Any request for termination of probation must be accompanied by written proof of compliance with the terms of this Stipulation.

C.6. All costs associated with compliance with the terms of this Stipulation are the sole responsibility of Respondent.

C.7. The violation of any of the terms of this Stipulation by Respondent may warrant further Board action. The Board therefore retains jurisdiction over this proceeding until all matters are finally resolved as set forth in this Stipulation.

D. Presentation of Stipulation to Board

D.1. The Board's prosecutor shall present this Stipulation to the Board with a recommendation for approval.

D.2. The Board may accept, modify with Respondent's approval, or reject this Stipulation. If the Board rejects the Stipulation, an administrative Complaint may be filed with the Board. Respondent waives any right Respondent may have to challenge the Board's impartiality to hear the allegations in the administrative Complaint based on the fact that the Board has considered and rejected this Stipulation. Respondent does not waive any other rights regarding challenges to Board members.

D.3. If the Board rejects this Stipulation then, except for Respondent's waiver set forth in Paragraph D.2., this Stipulation shall be regarded as null and void, and admissions in this Stipulation and negotiations preceding the signing of this Stipulation will not be admissible at any subsequent disciplinary hearing.

D.4. Except for Paragraph D.2. which becomes effective when Respondent signs this Stipulation, this Stipulation shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and a Board member signs the attached Order.

E. Violation of Stipulation and Consent Order

E.1. If Respondent violates this Stipulation and Consent Order, the violation

shall be considered grounds for additional discipline and the Board may impose additional discipline pursuant to the following procedure:

a. The Chief of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses shall schedule a hearing before the Board to assess whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. The Chief shall also serve notice of the hearing and charges to Respondent and to Respondent's attorney, if any. Within fourteen (14) days after the notice of the hearing and charges is served, Respondent may submit a response to the allegations. If Respondent does not submit a timely response to the Board, the alleged violations will be deemed admitted.

b. At the hearing, the Board and Respondent may submit evidence and present oral argument based upon the record in support of their positions. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the evidentiary record before the Board shall be limited to evidence relevant to whether Respondent has violated this Stipulation and Consent Order. At the hearing the facts and substantive matters related to the violations described in Section A shall not be at issue.

c. At the hearing, the Board may impose additional discipline, which may include the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license, the imposition of fines, the recovery of costs and attorney fees incurred by the Board and/or other conditions or limitations upon Respondent's practice.

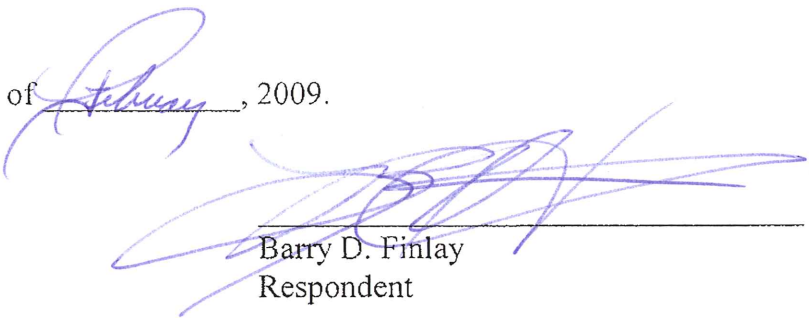
E.2. This Stipulation and Consent Order is the resolution of a contested case and is a public record.

E.3. This Stipulation contains the entire agreement between the parties, and Respondent is not relying on any other agreement or representation of any kind, verbal or otherwise.

I have read the above Stipulation fully and have had the opportunity to discuss it with legal counsel. I understand that by its terms I am waiving certain rights accorded me under Idaho law. I understand that the Board may either approve this Stipulation as proposed, approve it subject to

specified changes, or reject it. I understand that, if approved as proposed, the Board will issue an Order on this Stipulation according to the aforementioned terms, and I hereby agree to the above Stipulation for settlement. I understand that if the Board approves this Stipulation subject to changes, and the changes are acceptable to me, the Stipulation will take effect and an order modifying the terms of the Stipulation will be issued. If the changes are unacceptable to me or the Board rejects this Stipulation, it will be of no effect.

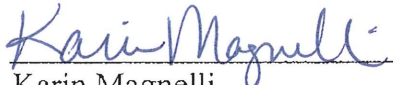
DATED this 15 day of February, 2009.


Barry D. Finlay
Respondent

I recommend that the Board enter an Order based upon this Stipulation.

DATED this 23 day of February, 2009.

STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By 
Karin Magnelli
Deputy Attorney General

ORDER

Pursuant to Idaho Code § 54-2910, the foregoing is adopted as the decision of the Idaho State Speech and Hearing Services Licensure Board in this matter and shall be effective on the 11th day of March, 2009. **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

IDAHO STATE SPEECH AND
HEARING SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD

By 
Andrew J. Seitz, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of March, 2009, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the following method to:

Barry D. Finlay
7671 S. 3800 S.
West Jordan, UT 84084


- ☒ U.S. Mail
- ☐ Hand Delivery
- ☒ Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
- ☐ Overnight Mail
- ☐ Facsimile: _____
- ☐ Statehouse Mail

Brook Bond
Zarian, Midgley & Johnson, PLLC
960 Broadway Avenue, Suite 250
Boise, ID 83706

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Tana Cory, Chief
Bureau of Occupational Licenses